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SUBJ: IRANIAN ATTITUDE TOWARDS INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM

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1. FURTHER TO REF A REGARDING IRANIAN ATTITUDE TOWARDS INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST ACTIVITIES, GOI-GUIDED PRESS HAS CARRIED EDITORIALS ON THREE DIFFERENT DAYS SINCE VIENNA SEIZURE OF OPEC HOSTAGES SUGGESTING INTERNATIONAL ACTION TO DENY SANCTUARY AND ENSURE PROSECUTION OF SUCH CRIMINALS. USINFO TELEGRAMS OF DECEMBER 24 AND 31 SUMMARIZED SEVERAL OF THESE EDITORIALS.

2. A MORE SPECIFIC CALL FOR INTERNATIONAL ACTION WAS CONTAINED IN KAYHAN INTERNATIONAL DEC 27. REFERRING TO VIENNA EVENTS, EDITORIAL NOTED THAT "KIDNAPPING, HIJACKING AND SIMILAR ACTS OF TERRORISM HAVE BECOME PHENOMENON OF TIMES....BUT THERE IS MUCH THAT GOVERNMENT CAN DO, INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY, TO PREVENT AND CONTROL THEM." IN ADDITION TO MUCH MORE STRINGENT SECURITY MEASURES INTERNALLY, "ON THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL, GOVERNMENTS... MUST UNDERTAKE TO CEASE PAYING REWARDS FOR ACTS OF TERRORISM. AT SAME TIME IT SHOULD BE MADE CLEAR THAT THOSE WHO TAKE INNOCENT PEOPLE AS HOSTAGES WILL BE PUNISHED, WHETHER AT COUNTRY OF ORIGIN OR COUNTRY OF FINAL DESTINATION....THERE IS GREATER READINESS IN THE WORLD COMMUNITY FOR COLLECTIVE ACTION....FEW GOVERNMENTS, EVEN SO-CALLED RADICAL STATES, DISPLAY DESIRE TO GIVE ASYLUM TO TERRORISTS....GOVERNMENTS HAVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOT YET COME ROUND--EXCEPT IN RARE CASES--TO ACTUALLY TRYING

AND PUNISHING TERRORISTS; BUT THAT SEEMS NEXT LOGICAL STEP.
VENEZUELA HAS ALREADY TABLED MOTION BEFORE U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FOR INTERNATIONAL MEASURES AGAINST TERRORISM. THIS LINE OF
THINKING DESERVES STRONG SUPPORT."
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